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Drone photo courtesy of Tim Benedict

The first Belleville Lake Carousel, built behind Johnny's on Sunday, was organized by Tim Craiger and Jeffrey Riggs, with the help of many other people. The one-foot-thick ice was cut in a circle allowing the 50-foot diameter inner section to rotate with a small electric outboard motor. The carousel featured a bonfire in the middle, Christmas trees on the outer edge for décor, tiki torches, and music. As many as 30 people at a time were riding, with many more watching from shore and Johnny's. More pictures and videos on Facebook #BellevilleLake.

VBT police investigate possible theft of ATV, drunk driving into lake

On Sunday night Van Buren Township Police took a man into custody for what may have been the theft of an ATV from the carousel party on the ice in front of Johnny's restaurant on Belleville Lake.

The vehicle ended up in Belleville Lake when the driver got too close to a bubbler a homeowner had put out to keep ice away from his dock at the end of North Shore Drive.

The driver was found in a house near where the vehicle sunk in the lake trying to contact a friend to pick him up, according to reports.

On Monday, the VBT Public Safety Department Dive Team and tow trucks worked to get the vehicle out of the water.

VBT Police Lt. Charles Bazy said a search warrant for the driver's blood was obtained and police held him for 12 hours. He was released pending blood results.

Lt. Bazy said police are currently conducting an operating while intoxicated / ATV-theft investigation.

Despite reports that the man may have been armed, Lt. Bazy said police did not locate a firearm on the individual nor was there any reason to believe he had one in his possession at the time of the incident.

Detective Michael Long has been assigned the case to follow up on.

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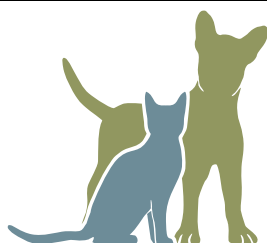
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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Members of Sumpter Township's MMFLA Fact Finding Committee met Jan. 3. Those present, from left are: Police Chief Eric Luke, planning consultant Chris Akins, Ken Bednark, chairman/Trustee Matthew Oddy, attorney Rob Young, Fire Chief Januszyk, fire fighter Jamie Good, and Trustee Sheena Barnes. Seated in the audience are Mary Ban, at left, and Mary Herring, both of whom object to Sumpter opting in to the state's Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act. About 25 people were in the audience.

Sumpter Marijuana Committee gets recommendation for 23 facilities

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Sumpter Township MMFLA Fact-Finding Committee met for the third time on Jan. 3 and got a recommendation from Trustee Sheena Barnes, a member of the committee, for the number of facilities the township should have if it opted into the new law. She recommends 23 facilities.

MMFLA stands for Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act, which was enacted in 2016 and presently is going into effect.

At the December meeting of the committee, Trustee Matthew Oddy, chairman of the committee, directed Trustee Barnes to come up with a recommendation for how many facilities the township should have if it opts into the MMFLA. He directed her to work with Township Supervisor John Morgan on her recommendation. While Supervisor Morgan appointed the committee, and appointed himself to the committee, he attended only the first meeting in November. The committee meets just once a month.

Chairman Oddy said the committee will not make a recommendation, but will gather information to give to the township board members so they can decide on MMFLA.

Trustee Barnes' recommendation was the first order of business and she presented 20 slides projected on the wall for an extensive

report. She began by saying she is in support of opting in to MMFLA. She said the facts she presented were obtained with the help of businesses and dispensaries in Las Vegas and Washington State. She said Washington State has a climate similar to Michigan.

Barnes' recommendation for the number of facilities to be authorized in the township was:

- Class A growers (500 marihuana plants) - 5
- Class B growers (1,000 marihuana plants) - 5
- Class C growers (1,500 marihuana plants) - 5
- Safety Compliance Facilities - 3
- Secure Transporters - 3
- Provisioning Centers - 2

(Later Barnes explained, "I didn't give a recommendation for Processing. Because of fire and hazard, it was not recommended for Sumpter. Safety was a big issue. The fire fighters could be put in danger with processing because the 10,000 pounds per square inch operates at pressure. Not installed or designed correctly, the extractors can explode and can cause death.")

"This just is my recommendation for Sumpter Township" and its 9,549 residents, Barnes stressed after outlining her suggestion.

She also recommended that the only

growing facilities allowed should be greenhouses. She said in her fact-finding, she found climate-controlled greenhouses are less expensive to run because of being able to use sun power in the summer. They also are safer since fire is a danger because of the electrical equipment used in the grow and processing.

Barnes said with indoor grows there are often bars on the door and dogs, and the fire fighters can't get in. She said carbon dioxide is used to get a better grow and high pressure is used for extraction of oils. "We probably should not go with an inside grow," she said.

"Let's keep Sumpter Township at its finest, while keeping the fire fighters safe," Barnes said.

She showed the Sumpter land-use master plan and pointed out the Industrial and Agriculture zoned areas, which would be the only zonings where the facilities would be allowed.

She recommended when opting in with greenhouses, the grower would need a minimum of 2 acres for 500 plants, 4 acres for 1,000 plants, and 6 acres for 1,500 plants.

Barnes listed the jobs available, that included a grow master, who could earn \$100,000 and up and a percentage of the profit; store managers, \$75,000 and a percentage of the profit; bud trimmers, who get \$12 to \$13 an hour to start, and

sometimes are paid by the pound; and owners who spend a lot to set it up and wait for the turnaround.

Barnes also recommended giving training to the police department in the metric system, police requirements under the law and the rights of citizens. She said \$500,000 in grant money was available to police departments for training in this industry.

"I didn't see where any township had to spend any money," Barnes said. "Property values do not go down. Property values go up. I've seen that right next door."

Sumpter Police Chief Eric Luke said funds are coming from the overages, out to the sheriff's departments, but not to local police now.

Resident Kurt Nofz said the use of that \$500,000 entails a lot of things, including travel.

Committee member Ken Bednark said a modified greenhouse grow would be more stable throughout the year. In the summer it would be cheap to run, but when you have to heat in the winter it would be expensive.

"If growers can't keep up with the demand, can they outsource?" Bednark asked.

Chairman Oddy said they can buy from any growers.

Township attorney Rob Young questioned Barnes about details on which he was

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OPINIONS

Editorial

The late Alan Bates reaches out to help Sumpter Pks & Rec

At Tuesday's meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, Lori and Chris DeMond and their son James presented a check for \$40,000 to the Sumpter Parks and Recreation Commission from the estate of the late Alan Bates.

The money was slated to improve the Sumpter Township fairgrounds.

Bates, a township trustee who was appointed Sumpter treasurer in a board shakeup when the supervisor resigned, died suddenly on Christmas Eve in 2016. He had just been elected and sworn in to a four-year term as treasurer. A retired builder, he loved looking after the Sumpter parks, getting park grants, and being a part of the annual Sumpter Fest to serve the township residents.

Sharon Pokerwinski announced that an 11"x14" plaque will be put in the pavilion honoring Bates before the next Sumpter Fest.

Bates never married and had no children. He was close friends with Jim and Joanne Posegay and their daughter Lori and her family and she was executor of his estate.

She cried softly as her husband read a statement to the board and presented the check to the Parks & Recreation Commission, according to Bates' wishes. Commission members swelled the audience to witness the presentation.

What a fine legacy for a man who loved his township.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Jan. 5 was the anniversary of the day we began publishing the *Independent* in 1995. We have just completed our 23rd year and started the 24th year. Whew. A young lady at one of the places we drop papers told me she's been reading the *Independent* her whole life.

One of our readers dropped a line to say happy anniversary and that was much appreciated.

A veteran and a non-veteran report that the O'Reilly Auto Parts' flag at 9500 Belleville Road is higher than the American flag outside its building. We suggested they tell O'Reilly's about it and we found each did go in, at two separate times, to point out the American flag should be higher than any other flag. They say they were ignored, so the veteran came to me to ask me to put it in the paper to get their attention.

A lifelong resident of Van Buren Township called to say it looks like we have a "bully" as township supervisor. He says this supervisor brushes you off real quick when you go in with a problem. The resident said Supervisor McNamara seems to think he's satisfied you with what he says.

The VBT resident said he is upset over the way the fifth amendment to the host agreement with Waste Management was pushed through without a vote of the people. He said some officials pointed out a lot of people were in Florida for the winter and couldn't speak up about their thoughts on whether to let the landfill close when it's full in 2025 or so or to let it expand and continue operating for the next



40 years. And, he's watching to see what McNamara proposes for that \$8 million gift to the township.

A reader said he went over to Planet Fitness to join before the place even opened. There was an office rented in a nearby building. He said the man selling the memberships said they needed the bank routing information for the prospective member or he couldn't be a member. The man offered him cash for a year's membership and the salesman said he couldn't take cash. He had to have your bank information. The man said he didn't join.

Al Gutierrez called to tell us he received a call from a phone number he knows is disconnected. The caller wanted to know if he had a bracelet and he hung up.

He knew it was a bogus call because the number on his caller ID was that of the former nuns' house at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville, (734) 697-6661.

He said it said St. Anthony on the caller ID and he thinks others from the church may get a call and think it's legitimate. Beware.

A man from Sumpter called to say he got a phone call from California. The heavily accented caller said the man would be getting a new Social Security card in the mail, but before they can send it they need a cell phone number. The man said he told

the caller they only had one phone and then hung up.

He said they really have a cell phone but he didn't give out the number to a stranger on the phone. Another warning to our readers. Seems like senior citizens are the ones being targeted.

Marlene Avery of Van Buren Township called to say she needs help to get around. She uses a walker and said she hasn't been out of her house for two years. She said she called the VBT Senior Center for help to get to a dentist, but they couldn't help for various reasons.

"Thank you to that couple that donated the van for the seniors," she said of the Covingtons, adding it was a very generous thing for them to do and she appreciates more than she can say. Now, she said, maybe she will be able to get out of her house.

Matthew Best, who used to be deputy director of planning and economic development at Van Buren Township, now is director of public services. His upgrade took effect once 2018 rolled in.





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Letters

Friends of Library set annual meeting

To the editor:

Happy New Year! 2018 will be a banner year for the Belleville Area District Library! We will break ground on our new library this spring and the Sumpter branch is scheduled to open in the fall. We have a lot to look forward to, but there is still work to be done, so the theme of our annual general membership meeting is BEAR WITH US!

The meeting will be at the library on Saturday, Jan. 27. We will gather at 12:30 p.m. for lunch and the current board will present their reports for 2017, a new slate of officers for 2018 will be nominated and voted on, and we will discuss our goals for this next year. Awards will be presented to those deserving individuals who make our library the wonderful place it is.

Sharon Peters, chair of the Belleville Library, and Mary Jo Suchy, library director, will share their thoughts on the upcoming year. Please join us for a fun and informative event. I am told there will even be a few furry friends in attendance!

Linda Priest, President
Friends of the Belleville Area District Library

P.S. The next book sale is Feb. 3 (and then May 5); 11 a.m. - noon Friends only and noon - 3 p.m., general public.

Garden Club to feature speaker on conifers

To the editor:

Calling all gardeners! The Belleville Area Garden Club invites you to our January meeting on Jan. 15, 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church.

Our featured speaker will be Don Wild on the winter-appropriate topic of conifers and how to use them in the garden.

Don Wild has been an active gardener for about 20 years with a special interest in dwarf and unusual conifers and a passing interest in alpine plants, cypripedium, peonies and Japanese maples.

He volunteered and worked in the Chubb Harper Conifer Collection at Hidden Lake Gardens in Tipton, MI for 10 years. He was a member of the Board of the American Conifer Society for six years and was the president of the American Conifer Society from 2004 to 2006. In 2017 he received the Snyder Award for support of the ACS. He was the prime photographer in the book noted below.



People & Plants: The Harper Collection of Dwarf and Rare Conifers - 2012, by Steven W. Courtney (editor), Ronald J. Elardo (editor, introduction), Donald Wild (photographer), (Jack Winkle (contributor), and Steven Courtney N.P.D. (foreword).

Meet with local gardeners, enjoy delicious snacks, and take delight in photos of gorgeous gardens. Meeting adjourns no later than 9 p.m.

Debbie Green
Van Buren Township

Sr. Center's new bus should be named 'Egypt'

To the editor:

I secretly asked Santa to get the Seniors at September Days a new bus because the one we had basically fell apart and was not highway safe for transportation.

Mr. Covington and his wife saw that the Center needed bus transportation and donated a bus for our various trips. The bus was donated in the name of their daughter Egypt who was murdered some time ago.

It is a devastating ordeal that the Covingtons lost their beautiful daughter and we are saddened by her death. We appreciate the bus and remember Egypt as we travel to and from our destinations.

I think it would be appropriate for the Township to have Egypt Covington's name (with permission from the family) written on the bus in her memory. She will not be forgotten.

We are thankful to the Covingtons for stepping up and providing a safe bus for the September Days Senior Center to once again enjoy safe and reliable transportation.

I am sure that the Township and board members are eternally grateful for this needed gift that their budget couldn't provide for us.

Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Covington, for stepping up to the plate to help our township with your valuable gift.

Marian Caldwell
Van Buren Township

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Jan. 13 -- Doug Dalton, Kathi Patton
Jan. 17 -- Leon Wright

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— John F. Kennedy

Obituaries



Barbara Lorraine Jaszczyk

BARBARA LORRAINE JASZCZ

(June 16, 1950 - January 3, 2018)

Age 67 a longtime Ypsilanti resident, died peacefully Wednesday morning at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital of Ann Arbor on January 3, 2017. Barbara is the beloved wife of Victor for forty-five wonderful years; cherished sister of Nicholas Nehez of Pennsylvania, James (Ro) Nehez of California, Timothy (Jeanne) Nehez of Saline, Eva Skidmore of Arizona, Josephine (Alex) Navro of Arizona, Mary (Bruce) Brice of Saline and Elizabeth Nehez of Belleville. Barbara is also survived by her godchild, Ashley Nehez. Sadly, she is preceded in death by her brother, Steven Nehez, who is survived by his wife, Ann Nehez of Florida.

Born on June 19, 1950 to Nicholas and Eva Nehez in Detroit, Michigan. Barbara was a longtime Belleville-area resident. She graduated from Belleville High School in 1968 and taught for thirty-two years in the Romulus School district, spending all of her tenure teaching first grade. She truly felt that her students were her children. In later years, many kept in touch with her. In her spare time, she enjoyed making jewelry, horseback riding and arts and crafts. She will be missed by many.

A Funeral Mass celebrating Barbara's life was held at 11 AM, Monday, January 8, 2018 at St. Anthony's Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville. Barbara's family greeted guests at 10 AM. Father John Kiselica presided over her funeral mass.

Visiting hours were Sunday from 12 Noon until 7 PM at the David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville, 734-697-4500. The rosary was prayed at 6:30 PM Sunday.

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WILLIE FLOYD ANDREWS

(August 22, 1950 - January 3, 2018)

Age 67, of Belleville. Survived by wife Shirley; 6 children; 16 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren. Service 11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 13, at Belleville Church of God, 45170 Hull Rd. Visitation at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 2-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12.

Upcoming Meetings

• Thursday, Jan. 11 – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, Jan. 16 – Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals at 7 p.m. Also,

Belleville City Council meeting at 7:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, Jan. 17 – Sumpter Township fact-finding committee on the new Michigan Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act meets at 6:30 p.m. Time for public input. Plan is to complete task at this meeting and give packet of information to the township board.

• Monday, Jan. 22 – Van Buren Public

Schools Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. at the Commons at Belleville High School. Also, Belleville Parks and Recreation Commission meets at 7:30 p.m., for the first time in years.

• Tuesday, Jan. 23 – Sumpter Township work/study at 6 p.m., followed by regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, Jan. 24 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

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Obituaries



Garry Russell Boyd

GARRY RUSSELL BOYD

(August 24, 1942 - January 02, 2018)

Born August 24, 1942, in Toronto, Canada, Garry was a gifted painter, sculptor, and all-around aesthete. He was a rare combination of both artist and engineer. He has passed onto his loved ones his deep curiosity of the world, his interest in history and his dry sense of humor. Garry attended Belleville High School and graduated with a BFA from Michigan State University. After starting a family, Garry began a career at Ford Motor Company that spanned 37 years. His early adoption of computer programming helped Ford transition into a burgeoning computer age. He was an active member of Belleville Presbyterian church, helping establish its presence in Belleville, working at the Strawberry Festival concessions and helping with the parade. He was also an active member of the Detroit Presbytery, helping with donations and feeding the hungry. Garry Russell Boyd died January 2, 2018 in Northville, Michigan after a long battle with Alzheimer's. He was preceded in death by his younger brother, Chris, and his granddaughter, Mackenzie. He is survived by his younger brother, David; his daughters Eve and Annie; his sons Garry, Max, and Hunter; and his grandchildren Nicole, Emily, Elana, Jacob, Charlie, Christopher and Connor. He will be remembered for the unique family traditions and experiences he created and the memories that continue to spawn from his wholly uncommon perspective. Dignified cremation rites have been accorded. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association and would be appreciated.
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Thomas E. Jewell, Jr.

THOMAS E. JEWELL, JR.

(January 13, 1940 - December 27, 2017)

Thomas E. Jewell, Jr., passed away in his sleep on December 27, 2017. He was born on January 13, 1940. He is survived by two brothers, William Jewell and Norman Jewell; three sisters, Betty (Jewell) Zoumbaris, Nadine (Goldsmith) Wilcox, and Lynette Goldsmith; four children, Crystal (Jewell) Leffler, Thomas (Jeff) Jewell, Tonya Tussey and Tiffany (Jewell) McGilliard; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was an avid member of the Moose Club and he loved helping his church, First Baptist. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the VA.

A service was held at First Baptist Church of Eclectic, AL on January 5, 2018.

A celebration of life will be held in Michigan at a later date, to be announced.



Joann Jacqueline Frey

JOANN JACQUELINE FREY

(June 3, 1933 - January 4, 2018)

Her Legacy... Joann Jacqueline Frey, age 84, of Belleville passed away January 4, 2018. She was born on June 3, 1933, in Wayne, Michigan to Jack Prince and Grace Killingbeck. Joann married the love of her life, Albert Henry Frey, and enjoyed 40 years of marriage together. She will be remembered for her gentle spirit, commitment to her community in Belleville through working over 30 years as a baker in the middle school, and her artistic talents. Joann loved her family dearly, was faithful in her attendance to Northridge Church every week, and was well known in her community having earned the title of "mom" to all who were close to her. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Her Family... Joann will be missed by her children, Allen (Amy Jo) Frey, Pop Frey, Judith A. Watts, and Timothy Albert (Nancy Louise) Frey; grandchildren, Anna Cooper, Robyn (Marv) Liberty, and Scott Golden; great grandchildren, Hailey Smith, Isaac Smith, Trevor Golden, Abby Liberty, Alexa Liberty. She is preceded in death by her husband, Albert Henry Frey, her son-in-law, Jim Watts, and her parents.

Her Farewell... Joann's Community Farewell was held on Tuesday January 9, 2018 at 11 a.m. (10 a.m. gathering) at Northridge Chapel, 1240 Ridge Road Plymouth, Michigan. Memorial contributions are suggested to the National Autism Association. Please leave a message of comfort for Joann's family at 1-877-231-7900, or sign her guestbook at www.borekjennings.com.

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From left are Autumn McGee, Naima Yarbrough, Thomas Okubo, and Micaya Cannon.

More Letters

A.H.E. promotes healthy eating, avoiding obesity

To the editor:

Hello, I'm the editor for the A.H.E., (which stands for Association for Healthy Eating) and I'd like to share with you the AHE's aims.

We are an association brought together by Autumn McGee. We are an organization promoting healthy eating with the ultimate goal of changing regulations for food health.

We believe that we have a VERY important mission and it is backed by facts. Some of them you'll see are scary -- did you know that at the rate that people are becoming obese, everyone will be obese by 2060?

Our goal is to turn that rate around. The first step? Awareness. Today, we'd like you to take a quick moment out of your day and visit our website at <https://sites.google.com/vanburenschools.net/AHE>.

It won't take long. Also feel free to contact us at asociationforhealthyeating@gmail.com. Our main group consists of Autumn McGee, Micaya Cannon, and Naima Yarbrough.

Thomas Okubo, AHE editor

Owen Intermediate School, Belleville

It's time to think about Little League

To the editor:

Temperatures dipping in the below-zero range makes it difficult to think about baseball, but spring will be here sooner than we know. So, knowing this it's also time for registration for the Van Buren Area Little League Spring season.

VBALL is coming off a very exciting and busy season where we hosted District Softball games and two State tournaments in the Intermediate (50/70) Boys division and the Girls 9/10 State Softball Tournament. Both State tournaments were a HUGE success and we appreciate and thank ALL the volunteers that made these tournaments possible.

This past fall we were also able to put a new roof with siding and downspouts on the concession stand thanks to funding by the Van Buren Civic Fund and Jimbo's Construction (Jim Stamper). We are working on more field improvements this coming season, as well, with hopes of making Beck Fields a premier baseball and softball facility for our children in the 48111 area code whether you live in Van Buren Township, Belleville, or Sumpter Township.

We are looking for volunteers, as always, sponsors and fundraising ideas. We are also in need of a chief umpire, a player agent/safety officer and a field maintenance supervisor. Please keep in mind these are all volunteer (unpaid) positions but your

time and hard work benefits 370 children.

VBALL is also interested in starting a separate team for boys ages 8 to 12 that will play in several tournaments on the weekend while playing for their regular Little League team Monday through Thursday. Anyone interested can find the registration link on our website. Spring registration will be online only this year and can be done so at www.vanburenarealittleleague.org.

If you do not already have an account, you will need to create an account, register, pay then submit your registration. Our website will be updated shortly with a few walk-in registration dates and times and some fundraising ideas we are planning.

Thank you and we look forward to another fun and successful season.

Marc Littleton

Michelle Makin wins \$513.59 in Chamber of Commerce car raffle

Michelle Makin of Belleville won \$513.59 in cash as the winner in the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce car raffle. Makin's name was drawn during the Winter Fest activities Dec. 2.

Paul Henning, Chamber executive director, said when enough tickets weren't sold to offer a leased car as the grand prize, it reverted to a 50/50 raffle.

Atchinson Ford had offered a two-year lease on a Ford Fusion that was parked in front of the Chamber of Commerce office for months.



Former Regency Kennel owners retiring to Fla.

To the editor:

Jim and Evie Bain, owners of Regency Kennels, for almost 30 years, are retiring to Florida. We would like to welcome the new owners, Adam Steele and Nicole.

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Fleeing murder suspects captured in Georgia, will head back for trial

A Sumpter Township couple being sought in the murder of the woman's four-year-old daughter was apprehended Tuesday afternoon on I-75 in Georgia.

Sumpter Police Chief Eric Luke announced the apprehension to the township board during Tuesday's regular meeting.

He said they were trying to flee to Florida and, "I'm glad we have them in custody."

Chief Luke said after they put out the photos of the two on Facebook 26 hours previously, 2.2 million people saw the pictures in 48 states and many tips poured into the U.S. Marshal Detroit Fugitive Apprehension Team and Sumpter Police Department.

He said the Marshals were able to use investigation tools that the township did not have. He said Sumpter police had the fugitives' old cell phone, but they were apprehended driving down I-75 while talking on their new cell phone.

"The federal government has more resources to use," he said.

Chief Luke said this is just the start of the process and the couple will soon be returned to Michigan. He said now his department will work even harder on the case to make sure justice is done.

The Jan. 1 death of the girl, identified by the media as Gabby Barrett, was ruled a homicide on Jan. 3 by the Washtenaw County Medical Examiner.

According to a news release from Chief Luke on Monday, there was evidence of multiple traumatic injuries and signs of Battered Child Syndrome, including multiple injuries at multiple sites at multiple ages.

The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office approved an arrest warrant charging both the child's mother, 24-year-old Candice Renea Diaz, and her boyfriend, 28-year-old Brad Edward Fields, with the following charges:

- Count 1: Homicide - Felony Murder
- Count 2: Homicide - Murder - Second Degree



Brad Edward Fields
age 28
5 ft. 5 in. tall / 190 lbs.
photo date: 5/20/16



Candice Renea Diaz
age 24
5 ft. tall / 95 lbs.
photo date: 5/23/16

- Count 3: Child Abuse - First Degree
- Count 4: Torture

Fields also was charged as a habitual offender.

At about 10:43 a.m., Monday, Jan. 1, Sumpter Police responded to a 911 call from a residence on Greenmeadow Drive, inside the Rawsonville Woods Mobile Home Community, on the report of an unresponsive four-year-old female.

Upon arrival, police report CPR was being administered by family members and officers found the child suffering from obvious severe burns about her extremities. She was transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor by Huron Valley Ambulance and shortly after arrival was pronounced dead.

Sumpter police were working in conjunction with the Washtenaw County Medical Examiner, a forensic unit from Michigan State Police, and Child Protective Services to investigate the case.

In 2016 the couple was at the center of a daylong case that brought the Michigan State Police Tactical Response Unit to 84 Greenmeadow to help Sumpter Police because it was believed Fields was armed and barricaded in the home.

Fields was arrested on two felony charges: possession of a weapon by a felon and felony firearm. He also was charged with the misdemeanor of aggravated assault. The felony charges were dismissed.

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More Letters

Waste Management too big for VBT to fight

To the editor:

The recent decision to expand the Woodland Meadows landfill into the existing golf course property, which is directly adjacent to the site, was negotiated over a four-year period prior to and then resumed with the current elected leadership of the Van Buren Township Board.

Waste Management (WM) is a viable international garbage disposal and material recycling business that had combined revenues of 3.72 billion dollars and a net income of 386 million dollars in 2017. Therefore, it certainly isn't feasible that Supervisor Kevin McNamara could somehow apply any sort of assumed leverage that might impose demands on this corporation. As far as Waste Management was concerned the opportunity to renegotiate had passed and the agreed upon bargaining of "5th Amendment contract" had already received Waste Management's final offer.

With over 350 collection operations, 293 active landfills, 146 recycling plants, more than 26,000 collection vehicles, 111 landfill gas projects and 6 independent power production facilities within the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico it isn't likely that Waste Management even felt a slight prick of irritation by our foolish public display of ignorance regarding the actual operation of their business.

Three trustees, Paul White, Ms. Frazier and Ms. Miller embarrassed the whole community with their ridiculous arguments and ignorant response to the choice that was made to "best benefit our community." It all boils down to economics and common sense: 249,000,000 dollars to be received in revenues over 40 years from the landfill paid to Van Buren Township for the life of the agreement vs tax increase to residents of *170,000,000 dollars over 40 years; merely a rough estimate because the actual figure would be significantly higher if we had to pay 100% of the cost for garbage collection and disposal while also

adjusting for yearly property tax increases to compensate for the lost landfill revenue if we had simply allowed Woodland Meadows to close when filled to capacity in 2025 (as Trustee Paul White suggested).

I hope the public understands that the three trustees who voted against the 5th Amendment agreement did so on the basis of trying to garner votes for the next election cycle and not for the good of the taxpayers. Residents in this community abhor raising taxes and it would be foolish to believe that anyone would support such an effort! And so I'll gladly accept the minimal cost of providing my weekly curbside garbage service. What was the figure again, \$12 a month?

Just my thoughts,

CeJay Marshall, Van Buren Township

*\$4,250,000/year in lost landfill revenue
@ 40 years = \$170,000,000

Belleville Community Chorus to begin spring rehearsals on Jan. 29

The award-winning Belleville Community Chorus, under the direction of Susan Hiser and Steve Ko, continues its 12th-year season as it begins rehearsals for the spring concert season on Monday, Jan. 29, at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles Street, Belleville.

The chorus invites all singers to join them, whether new to the group or those who have sung with them in the past. Auditions are not required, but come early to this first rehearsal for voice placement. If you sing soprano, alto, tenor, bass, or you're not really sure, you're welcome to be part of this fun and dynamic group.

The Belleville Community Chorus is a non-profit organization, made up of volunteers of all ages who love to sing. They perform a variety of choral music, for the enrichment, education, and enjoyment of their members and audiences in the surrounding communities.

Not a singer? The chorus can always use a few helpful folks who would be willing to help coordinate the organization behind the scenes.

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Minding Your Business with Bob Mytych



The All Fur Paws Pet Spa at 970 Sumpter Road in the Cork n' Bottle Plaza is holding a Customer Appreciation Day on Thursday, Jan. 18, with free refreshments and treats. A nail-trimming event special for

cats, dogs, rabbits, hamsters, etc., will start at 8 a.m. and run through 8 p.m. See their ad in today's paper for pricing. No appointment is necessary. Call (734) 697-4444.

The Wayne County Fairgrounds is getting ready for its annual Wild Game Dinner on Saturday, Jan. 20, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds Dining Hall on Quirk Road. The cost is \$35 per person and tickets are available by calling (734) 697-7002. The popular event expects to once

again sell out so people are asked to get their tickets early.

The Beltone Hearing Center at 889 Sumpter Road is offering free hearing consultations and exams with Hearing Care Practitioner Vicki Harvey. To make an appointment or for more info, see their ad in today's paper and call (734) 256-4113. They're open Monday, Thursday, and Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and also open the first Saturday of each month. Visit www.beltone-hearingaid.com.

The public is invited to tonight's Grand Opening VIP Celebration and ribbon cutting at the newly remodeled McDonald's at 2193 Rawsonville Road, beginning at 4:30 until 6 p.m. Come and experience the McDonald's of the future. Refreshments will follow the 5 p.m. ribbon cutting ceremony with the Belleville Chamber of Commerce. The restaurant upgrades include kiosks in the lobby to customize your food order and set up your order for direct delivery to your table, and an updated play place and spacious seating for families with high top tables and flat screen TV's. Grand Opening specials on Friday, Jan. 12, include 99 cent egg McMuffins (5 a.m. to 11 a.m.) 99 cent Quarter-Pounder with Cheese (11 a.m. to 6 p.m.), face painting, balloon twisting, and a radio station onsite starting at 4 p.m. On Saturday, Jan. 12, from 4 to 7 p.m. Family Night will feature face painting, arts & crafts, and more. The McDonald's Restaurant has been part of the Belleville-area community for more than 42 years.

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Newly elected officers of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education are, from left in front, secretary Kevin English, president Keith Johnston, vice president Alison Bennett, and treasurer Susan Featheringill. In back, from left, are Trustees Darlene Gerick, Kelly Owen, and Simone Pinter. The organizational meeting of the board was held Monday. Meetings generally will continue to be at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

School Board considers what to do with Career Tech building

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Should the Career Tech building and other buildings at 420 Sumpter Road be fixed up at a cost of about \$2.8 million, or demolished and the 8.15 acres sold?

At Monday's meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, James Williams, director of plant operations, and Rob Kakoczki of Plante Moran CRESA gave a preliminary report on the property.

Williams said the Career Tech building is just under 24,000 square feet in size and is mainly used for storage now. In a 2004 appraisal, it was valued at \$1.8 million, he said. The Quonset building added minimal value to the property.

Besides the Career Tech building, on the property are 10,130 square feet of warehouse, an 800-square-foot salt barn

and five trailers equaling 7,425 square feet.

Williams said the district has ordered an updated appraisal, which he hopes to get soon.

"The building envelope is in need of major repairs and so we have to make a decision soon," Williams said.

He said Plante Moran made a visual, non-invasive site visit and prepared a report.

Kakoczki said Plante Moran was given full access to the property a month ago. He said the estimates did not include upgrades for technology. He said there are three shops inside the building: auto mechanics, auto body, and welding.

He said to upgrade it, it will need new roofs, windows, and exterior doors. The overhead doors will need to be repaired and sections of siding replaced. Also,

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School Board

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scraping and repainting all the shop areas must be done.

Asbestos floor tile must be replaced and abatement of the building is estimated at \$26,000.

"It's an old building and not on the main school campus," said board president Keith Johnston.

Kakoczki said the board could demolish the building and sell the property.

"The whole building is an eyesore," said board secretary Kevin English, noting he wouldn't support spending \$3 million for something they wouldn't use.

It was noted 100 Van Buren students currently are enrolled in the Ford Career Technical Center at Wayne Westland, where there are up-to-date facilities.

"It's an awful lot of money to spend on storage space," said board treasurer Susan Featheringill.

Board vice president Alison Bennett said Wayne County Community College also offers career courses to high school students.

Williams said he hopes to get the updated appraisal the next day.

Board member Darlene Gerick asked if they could take the sign down that tells everyone the school district owns those rundown buildings.

School Supt. Pete Kudlak replied in jest, "We could put up a Keystone sign," referring to the district's charter school competition for students.

Williams said he would also get a preliminary cost to tear it down.

Supt. Kudlak said the board will get a full presentation in February.

Haggerty School

In a related matter, it was announced the meeting on the future of Haggerty School, planned for January, was set for next week.

Williams announced there are current building problems at Haggerty School. He

said during the winter break there was a short that blew a circuit and the heat failed. The hot water boiler lines were frozen. He said as the weather warms up more leaks are springing.

He said an energy management person is coming out on Tuesday to assess the situation. That's the earliest he could get him to come, Williams said. Classes at Haggerty were cancelled on Monday and Tuesday.

Williams said the school lost 100 square feet of floor tile.

In other business at Monday's meeting the board:

- Heard Abdul Madyun, director of human resources, give the annual report required on Student Directory Information and how parents can deny access to some information on their students. More information is on the district website;

- Heard Jeff Moore, curriculum director, report that the robotics group has started up and while there were eight or nine students involved last year, now there are 30. Belleville High School will host a competition in the gym on March 22-24. He said the robotics group has \$27,500 in its budget, \$6,500 of which is a state grant;

- Heard Shareen Barker, financial director, report that the district expects to get the pay held back by the state from teachers in 2010-12 by Jan. 22. Supt. Kudlak said the state is sending out the money before they know the rules, which have yet to be set up. Barker recommended teachers expecting a refund and no longer with the district make sure their addresses are correct with the state and the school district. She said some of the teachers may owe taxes on the pay and the district may owe FICA;

- Heard Barker report that calls for proposals for legal services have gone out to 14 firms listed with the state and the deadline is Jan. 18;

- Heard Madyun announce a Wellness Challenge for employees with rewards for those losing the most inches. He also announced the second meeting of an insurance committee. "I'm real excited to see where this is going," he said, adding they may be able to save money on insurance; and

- Heard president Johnston ask about the new ROTC unit that is being set up at the high school. Supt. Kudlak said a girl

student was interested in starting an ROTC last year and she worked hard to get it going. He wasn't sure when it would start -- next semester or next school year. Also, Supt. Kudlak said they are working to get a high school student to sit on the school board with them.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Thursday, Jan. 11** – The Belleville Area District Library's Homegrown Knowledge Series presents "Power Your Home with Solar Energy" at 7 p.m. Thinking about solar power for your home or office? Join Dave Strenski of Solar Ypsi to learn about the economics of solar power and how it works. Prices continue to drop and solar is more affordable than ever. Bring your power bill to get an estimate of what it would cost to be 100% solar. Dave will have a list of solar contractors that can make it happen. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Refreshments served.

- **Saturday, Jan. 13** – Community United Methodist Church, 11160 Olive St., Romulus, is holding another Roast Beef Dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. Donation is \$10 for adults, \$4 for ages 6-12, and free for ages 5 and under. For carry out, call (734) 941-0736. www.romuluscume.net

- **Monday, Jan. 15** – Belleville area Garden Club meets at 7 p.m. at Belleville First United Methodist Church. Guest speaker is Don Wild, who will discuss conifers and how to use them in the garden.

- **Saturday, Jan. 27** – Annual meeting of the Friends of the Belleville Area District Library begins with lunch at 12:30 p.m. at the library.

- **Saturday, Jan. 27** – Wild Game Dinner at the Wayne County Fairgrounds dining hall. Tickets are \$35 per ticket. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner is ready at 6 p.m.

- **Monday, Jan. 29** – First rehearsal for the spring concert for the Belleville Community Chorus begins at 7 p.m. at Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles Street. All those who love to sing are welcome. Come early if you are new so your voice can be placed.

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Belleville to start all over on bids for seawall repair

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

After the city received just one bid, and a high one at that, for repairs to the failing seawall at Doane's Landing, the city of Belleville is going back to the drawing board.

When Parks Commission member Jeff Vernon asked about Doane's Landing park at the Jan. 3 city council meeting, the discussion began. He asked if the city couldn't go through the Department of Natural Resources to get some funds to help with the sea wall repair.

Building Official Rick Rutherford said the city has the survey, engineering, coring and other details and it has searched and reached out for grants and there was nothing. He said maybe with a new year and new budget cycles there could be help.

He said there were glitches in the contractors bids and the city had to redo the bids.

Mayor Kerreen Conley noted there was only one bid and, "Did we find out why?"

The bid, opened at the Nov. 27 meeting, was from E.C. Korneffel Co. of Trenton. It was for \$339,230 plus \$2,790 to edge the drain with geotech fabric.

Rutherford said one contractor thought the city had federal funds and they would have to pay the prevailing wage.

"One had a fight with his son and didn't get back to me," Rutherford continued. "We're actively seeking bids. As much as I'd like to say here it all is ... contractors march to their own drums."

Councilman Jesse Marcotte said the city needs a five-year Parks and Recreation master plan before it is eligible for government funds. The Parks and Recreation Commission hasn't met in about five years, but now has some newly appointed members and will meet Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. at city hall.

"We were late in the game last year," Rutherford said, referring to going out for sea wall bids in November.

"We do have a reputation for being successful in getting grants," said Councilman Tom Fielder. "Stay on top of it."

Planning Commissioner Mike Renaud asked if the condo seawall, next door to the park, was included in the cost quoted and Rutherford said it wasn't.

He said he has been in contact by emails back and forth to the condo group and they wanted to use the same contractor.

"They had a worse time than we did and their bid was a lot higher," Rutherford said. "Contractors were not wanting to commit themselves. We used the same engineers."

When asked if the condos could move on

alone and fix their seawall, Rutherford said that was possible.

"Then they would sue us because we can't do ours?" Renaud asked.

Rutherford said he didn't believe that would happen. He said the job specifications are written, but it would have helped to give the contractors more time.

Mayor Conley asked Rutherford if he could give a realistic time line for the project at the next meeting and he said he could. The council next meets on Tuesday, Jan. 16, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was moved to a Tuesday instead of the regular Monday meeting time because of the Martin Luther King, Jr. federal holiday on Jan. 15.

In other business at the 38-minute meeting on Jan. 3, the council:

- Approved the Great Lakes Water Authority amendment to the service contract, to reduce the volume cap and peak hourly flow figures to put them more in line with what the city is using. Rutherford said the modest adjustments would save the city from \$20,000 to \$26,000 a year. He said if the city exceeds the volume set in a five-year cycle, the city would have to renegotiate the figures. He said the city would probably get a pass for extenuating circumstances, such as a large fire or water main break;

- Approved annual permits with Wayne County for pavement restoration, road maintenance, and special events;

- Heard Councilman Marcotte ask for the fire service evaluation to be put on the Council Follow-up List and Mayor Conley said that could be done;

- Heard Mayor Conley say the website upgrade should be farther along than it is. She also said she would like to set a work/study session for the council in the first quarter to discuss goals. That would be done when City Manager Diana Kollmeyer is back from her Florida vacation;

- Heard Councilman Fielder say that it has been the policy in the past to review contracted services after each city council election every two years. Mayor Conley said she would like a report on all the city

contractors so the council will know if any need changing;

- Heard Mayor Conley remind residents to remove snow from their sidewalks. She said there had been two snowfalls and, "You can tell those who did nothing." Rutherford said there have been complaints about the DPW trucks putting snow over shoveled driveways and, "People think you can make that snow go where you want." Mayor Conley said for seniors or those having difficulties with snow removal, "We can find help for them." She said a reminder to remove snow will be put on the city's electronic sign. When asked if there were any tickets written yet for snow, Rutherford said there weren't. She suggested Rutherford give a copy of the policy on snow removal to offenders and that could be slap on the wrist; and

- Approved accounts payable of \$87,272 and the following purchases in excess of \$500: to Blue Ribbon Contracting, \$9,596.16 for emergency water main repair and \$3,021.39 for emergency sewer repair; to Morton Salt, \$5,343.90 and \$2,789.37 for road salt; to Wise Technologies, \$1,165 for computers/phones; and to Superior Auto & Truck, \$583.80 for dump truck repair.

Local student Jacob Hill named to honor roll at Lawrence Tech. Univ.

Jacob Hill of Belleville has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the Fall 2017 semester at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield. He is majoring in Civil Engineering.

To be named to the honor roll a student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average for the term. Jacob had a 3.87 GPA.

Jacob graduated from Belleville High School in 2017. He is the son of Penny Hill of Belleville and Dan Hill of Wayne.

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Court Watching:

Stacy Rose sentenced to 10-15 years in prison in stabbing death

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On Jan. 3, Stacy Wayne Rose, Jr., 18, of Taylor was sentenced to 10-15 years in prison after a Wayne County Circuit Court Jury found him guilty of involuntary manslaughter.

The jury found him not guilty of first degree murder, which could have brought him life in prison.

Rose fatally stabbed Robert Briscoe, Sr., 49, in the neck on July 30 in front of Briscoe’s Huron Estates mobile home in Huron Township. Briscoe was protecting his family from a group of teenagers who came to get the drugs they said Briscoe’s son took from Rose and didn’t pay.

Briscoe, an appliance repairman who was said was able to fix anything, was the father of five with several grandchildren living in his mobile home.

A preliminary exam was held before 34th District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green on Aug. 30. Five witnesses testified and then Judge Green bound Rose over to circuit court.

The witnesses testified that Rose and seven others came to the Briscoe home in Huron Estates, in the 22000 block of Inkster Road, early in the evening of July 30 to demand that Tina Briscoe pay Rose \$70 that her son Tyler owed him for seven Adderall pills Rose supplied to him.

She testified she told Rose that she would check with her son when he came home and if he owed anything, she would make sure it was paid.

“Your son is a f---ing dead man,” Tina Briscoe testified that Rose said to her before he left, after she had threatened to call police if he didn’t go away.

She asked her husband to move her company car from the driveway so it wouldn’t get damaged by the teens in case they came back. She said she was sitting on the porch and saw her oldest son Robert, Jr., running between the trailers to their home.

A large group of from 20 to 24 teens

arrived and the family tried to get Tyler out of there because they were after Tyler, Tina Briscoe testified. She said one punched at her husband, into the left cheek, she thought. Her husband held his neck and called out, “I’m bleeding bad.” After the stabbing everyone disappeared, she said.

Rose’s earliest release date is July 28, 2027. The maximum release is July 28, 2032.

Court Watching:

Defendant complains that he needs pain medication in jail

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Rodney Francis Pfeiffer, 38, was present for his probable cause conference before 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green on Jan. 3. His court-appointed attorney David Lankford said he demands his preliminary exam, set for Jan. 10 before Judge David Parrott.

Pfeiffer is charged with assaulting/resisting/obstructing a police officer and domestic violence in Sumpter Township on Dec. 23 and is lodged in the Wayne County Jail on \$50,000/10% bond.

Pfeiffer told Judge Green that he was glad she was clear of the cancer she fought and said he had osteolymphoma of the lung, but is clean now. He said they are giving him no pain medication in jail, which is hard, since he’s been incarcerated since Dec. 23.

Judge Green noted there were a bunch of bench warrant files for Pfeiffer for fines totaling \$700. She closed the files out for time-served, 12 days. She also marked his file “medical” so those at the Jail would know he needed medication.

Thilann Elias Napier

Thilann Elias Napier, 19, was lodged in the Wayne County Jail on \$10,000/10% bond for larceny from a person in Van Buren Township on Dec. 24. His defense attorney said Napier wished to waive his preliminary exam and so Judge Green bound him over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on Jan. 10.

The attorney said Napier is in his last year of high school. His parents were not in the

courtroom. Judge Green reduced his bond to personal bond, with no funds needed, but warned him to have no contact with the victim.

Keyantae Tyrese Mellon

Keyantae Tyrese Mellon, 17, demanded his preliminary exam, which is set for Jan. 10. He was present for the probable cause conference before Judge Green. He is charged with counterfeit coins/possession of less than five, and possession of marijuana in Belleville on Dec. 20. He is free on \$5,000 personal recognizance bond.

Dog walkers, others: Be aware of sharpshooters in Ann Arbor parks

Starting Monday, Jan. 8, the City of Ann Arbor in collaboration with the University of Michigan, is closing 16 city parks from 3 p.m. to midnight, every day through the end of January. Sharpshooters contracted by the City through White Buffalo, Inc. will be aiming to kill 250 deer using firearms. Parks are not cordoned off, and some entrances don’t have signs.

The Humane Society of Huron warns of dogs interested in bait piles and people who don’t see signs – or where there are no signs posted – may inadvertently wander into sharpshooting areas.

Arbor Hills Park and Arbor Hills Nature Area, for instance, has an unmarked entrance as of the time of this press release. Two of its three

official entrances have signs; one does not. The unmarked entrance is off Green Road, next to a path that’s frequented by dog walkers and by a bus stop where students are dropped off.

“I reported this problem to several top City officials over two weeks ago, and it still hasn’t been fixed,” says Tanya Hilgendorf, HSHV’s CEO and President. “There is also no signage in front of Sugar Bush Park, a park with a playground, where people have been sledding.”

HSHV also hopes to notify those out looking for lost dogs. In the past two weeks, HSHV has received reports of four different dogs lost in one of the 16 parks set to close for the cull.

“I joined a late-night search for one of them myself,” says Hilgendorf. “Lost animals are attracted to our natural areas and won’t heed signs as they head toward bait set out for deer. Furthermore, if all of the entrances aren’t marked, people may not know not to enter.”

“Regardless of whether you support or oppose the cull, there is no excuse for an error regarding something so serious. The City said safety is a top priority. They, and the University of Michigan, expanded the cull this year —closing more parks for sharpshooting, putting shooters on private properties without notice to their neighborhoods, and have elected to no longer respect the 450-foot safety zone. Ann Arbor is not a rural community, and many of these parks are right next to houses. Some of the parks, like Arbor Hills, are very small and are surrounded by homes and condominiums. I can’t imagine it could ever be safe to shoot in this park. But a very basic safety measure is signage and notification.”

Anyone who uses a park in Ann Arbor should be sure to check the closing list and report any missing signs to the City of Ann Arbor.



City of Belleville Public Notice



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Sherri Scharf
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Andrew's Pharmacy sold to CVS, converts this week end

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Andrew's Pharmacy, 444 Main Street, a Sav-On drug store in downtown Belleville, will close after business on Thursday, Jan. 11, and reopen at its regular time on Monday, Jan. 15, as a CVS pharmacy.

The notice of the sale was listed on the Sav-On Pharmacy website and discussed all around town last week.

The announcement said Billnot Corp., doing business as Sav-On Pharmacy, has sold its business to CVS. Many pharmacies will convert to CVS and some will close.

Andrew's Pharmacy in Belleville will

convert.

Those who used to have their prescriptions filled at Andrew's will be able to have their prescriptions filled at any CVS pharmacy and they don't have to refill them in Belleville. Those wishing to have their prescriptions filled at another pharmacy need to tell their health care provider where they want the prescriptions sent.

In accordance with the Michigan Medical Reports Act, to safeguard patient information, CVS will transfer prescription records to CVS.

"We have notified the Michigan Board

of Pharmacy where the records will be transferred," the notice said.

Ten of the Sav-On pharmacies purchased will be closed and ten will be converting. Besides Belleville, the Sav-On pharmacy in Romulus also will be converting.

Marijuana

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uninformed.

She said there's a greenhouse across the street from her home and she has studied it.

"I'm trying to cut down the chance of fire for the benefit of our community and town," Barnes said.

As far as restricting to greenhouses, she said a lot of places in Michigan are just allowing outside grows.

A Sumpter Township fire fighter on the committee Jamie Good said for fire fighters, a greenhouse is better for safety. He said pole barn structures have insulation and fire fighters have to get on the roof to ventilate, which is dangerous.

He said a drawback to greenhouses in Michigan is heating, but there are alternative biofuels. He said plastic melts at 250 degrees and then it self-ventilates.

LARA Rules and Regulations

Next on the agenda was a report from attorney Young to update the state rules and regulations on the MMFLA. He complimented the state on its rules and regulations which go into every aspect of opting in.

"How it gets applied, we'll see," he said. He noted the rules are burdensome to licensees.

Chairman Oddy said he was worried that the state will have a rule and not enforce it and Young replied the licenses are issued a year at a time.

Young then jumped to another agenda item he was scheduled to address: Financial Impact Analysis. Young said it is estimated that there will be \$700 million in annual sales, but if it's more like \$1 billion the first year, the 3% tax plus 25% of that going to the licensed communities, gives them \$7.5 million to split. Then there would be \$40,000 to \$60,000 in licenses per year.

The Belleville CVS hours will be the same and the same people will be serving the customers, according to a Belleville pharmacy official.

For more information, people are invited to call Andrew Mac at (734) 525-1700.

But it's hard to know how many communities will be sharing the money. He said Detroit will have 100 facilities, Bangor 100, Pinconning 100 and 100.

Young said the 1% is \$70,000 a year from the state plus \$5,000 for each local license.

Bednark said with more marijuana available, prices will fall. He said street marijuana has precipitously fallen in price since medical marijuana was approved.

"With so much product, it no longer will be profitable," he said.

During the one hour and 20 minute meeting on Jan. 3, the committee also discussed:

- Impact on the citizens and the rural setting;
- Operational impact to police services;
- Operational impact to fire services;
- Operational impact on township offices/departments;
- Local ordinances for MMFLA; and
- Findings from local communities.

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Jan. 10, at the township hall, when members will bring their paperwork and go over it together. The final meeting is set for 6:30 p.m. Jan. 17 when everything will be put together to pass on to the township board, which will make the final decision about opting in or out of MMFLA.

It was stressed that this committee would not make a recommendation to the board, but only provide it with facts to study.

There were about two dozen members of the audience at the Jan. 3 committee meeting, many fewer than the first two meetings.

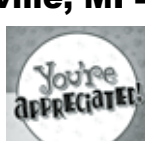
At the very beginning of the meeting, the only place Public Comment is allowed, resident Mary Herring said she remains in opposition to the MMFLA and wants Sumpter to opt out, especially on dispensaries.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 527 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Dec. 31:

0006 -- domestic, Meadows Cir.
0106 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
0234 -- domestic, Lincoln St.
0444 -- property damage accident, Ecorse/Denton
0608 -- assist other dept., Rickman Dr.
0647 -- mental subject, Denton Rd.
0651 -- mental subject, Robson Rd.
0828 -- domestic, W. Huron River Dr.
1209 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville
1626 -- leaving the scene of a property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville Rd.
1809 -- unauthorized driving away of auto, Belleville
1853 -- disorderly, W. Archwood Dr.
1931 -- fraud, Belleville Rd.
1937 -- fraud, Belleville Rd.
1956 -- malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.

2046 -- domestic, Meadows Cir.

Monday, Jan 1:

0011 -- trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0030 -- threat, Milton Dr.
0230 -- fight, W. Huron River Dr.
0244 -- assist other dept., N. I-94 Service Dr./Denton Rd.
0632 -- property damage accident, Tyler/Hannan
0952 -- 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1025 -- assist other dept., Harbour Pointe
1130 -- property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1132 -- suicidal person, Rogers Ave.
1140 -- family trouble, Colony Ln.
1200 -- property damage accident, Belleville
1227 -- assist other dept., Second St.
1628 -- property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr.

1725 -- missing person, Assembly St.
1905 -- private property/property damage accident, Belleville
2048 -- unauthorized driving away of auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.

Tuesday, Jan. 2:

0324 -- noise complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.
0747 -- road hazard, Ecorse/I-275
0824 -- road hazard, Sheldon/Van Born
0945 -- road hazard, Van Born/Belleville
1103 -- neighbor trouble, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1206 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1210 -- assist other dept., E. Main St.
1331 -- assist other dept., Richard Run Dr.
1524 -- property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275
1613 -- domestic, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.
1627 -- property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1638 -- domestic, Independence Ln.
1757 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Brookside Dr.
1757 -- threat, Lake Villa Dr.
1810 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
1912 -- abandoned auto, Mott/Dellor St.
1936 -- lost property/child, Belleville Rd.
2004 -- family trouble, Chatsworth Dr.
2024 -- assist other dept., Robson Rd.
2055 -- robbery, Outer Dr.
2142 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Lake Villa Dr.
2218 -- disorderly, Bentley Dr.

Wednesday, Jan. 3:

0057 -- noise complaint, Sage Cir./N. Purple Sage Ct.

0138 -- malicious destruction of property, E. Archwood Dr.
0144 -- threat, Parkwood Dr.
0906 -- assist other dept., S. Ponderosa Trl.
1038 -- fraud, Briarcliff Dr.
1038 -- domestic, McBride Ave.
1047 -- assist other dept., High St.
1105 -- property damage accident, Beck/Van Born
1129 -- missing person, Parkwood Dr.
1147 -- harassment call, Westlake Cir.
1157 -- fraud, Pond Ridge Dr.
1304 -- assist other dept., Marina Dr.
1328 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Western St.
1404 -- narcotics crime, Lighthouse Dr.
1417 -- property damage accident, Jackson St.
1445 -- breaking & entering, Van Born
1651 -- suicidal person, Jackson St.
2204 -- domestic, Maple Dr.

2216 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Country Walk Ct.
2237 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Sylvia Dr.

Thursday, Jan. 4:

0032 -- domestic, McBride Ave.
0101 -- mental subject, Ecorse Rd.
0527 -- larceny, Martz Rd.
0712 -- larceny, Denton Rd.
1101 -- fraud, Vernon St.
1110 -- private property/property damage accident, Denton
1154 -- hold-up alarm, Oak Ln.
1348 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Hoeft/W. Huron River Dr.
1354 -- fraud, Tallgrass Ct.
1510 -- fraud, Kennedy St.
1538 -- fraud, Sadie Ln.
1645 -- missing person, Florence Ln.
1830 -- disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2119 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Briarwood Ct.

Friday, Jan. 5:

0621 -- road hazard, Rawsonville/Martz
0823 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Hoeft/Hull
1014 -- property damage accident, Robson/Morton Taylor
1033 -- larceny, Menards
1353 -- lost property/child, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1426 -- noise complaint, W. Huron River Dr.
1429 -- abandoned auto, Haggerty/S. I-94 S. Service
1528 -- property damage accident, Rawsonville/Bog
1725 -- property damage accident, Belleville/N. I-94 Service
1906 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
1947 -- domestic, Parkwood Dr.
2255 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Lighthouse Dr.
2349 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Country Walk Blvd.

Saturday, Jan. 6:

0003 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Ashbury Dr.
0222 -- noise complaint, N. Ponderosa Trl.
0241 -- found property/child, Springwood Blvd./Tyler
0639 -- disorderly, Parkwood Dr.
0657 -- disorderly, Parkwood Dr.
0739 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Laguna Dr.
0812 -- dumping complaint, Beck/Van Born
0900 -- property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
0938 -- property damage accident, Mott/Dellor
1021 -- domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1113 -- abandoned auto, Belleville Rd./S. I-94 Service

1240 -- operating while intoxicated, Michigan/Denton

1339 -- harassment call, Lacy Dr.
1456 -- lost property/child, Bemis Rd.
1505 -- abandoned auto, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.
1810 -- assist other dept., Sylvia Dr.
1827 -- property damage accident, Sumpter/Daisy
1909 -- family trouble, Denton Rd.
2011 -- domestic, W. Adams
2351 -- noise complaint, Denton Rd.

Also on this week's log are 119 traffic stops, with 40 of them being on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Dec. 31:

1414 -- disorderly, Loza Ln.
1520 -- assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1601 -- intrusion alarm, W. Waterbury Ct.
1623 -- fight, Belle Villa Blvd.
1710 -- assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1800 -- assist citizen, Belleville/Quirk
1802 -- assist citizen, Belleville Bridge Rd.
1857 -- traffic offense, W. Columbia Ave.
2324 -- fight, High St.

Monday, Jan. 1:

0238 -- assist other dept., Huron River Dr.
0238 -- assist other dept., S. I-94 Service/Denton
0437 -- traffic offense, High/Church
1023 -- domestic, Harbour Pointe Dr.in
1223 -- domestic, Second St.
1407 -- property damage accident, Main/Liberty
1626 -- welfare check, Biggs Ave.
2159 -- assist fire dept., High St.

Tuesday, Jan. 2:

0600 -- assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.
1505 -- civil matter, N. Edgemont Ave.
1818 -- welfare check, Biggs Ave.
1821 -- welfare check, Loza Ln.
1848 -- assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.

2054 -- assist fire dept., Loza Ln.

2057 -- vehicle lockout, Menlo Park Dr.

Wednesday, Jan. 3:

1041 -- intrusion alarm, High St.
1611 -- assist fire dept., Charles Ct.
1915 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Harbour Pointe Dr.
2022 -- civil matter, N. Liberty St.
2046 -- assist fire dept., Carmell

Thursday, Jan. 4:

0152 -- abandoned auto, Victorian Ln.
0200 -- abandoned auto, E. Thornhill Ct.
0214 -- abandoned auto, Waterbury Ct.
0219 -- abandoned auto, Victorian Ct./Victorian Ln.
0224 -- abandoned auto, Victorian/Aberdeen Ln.
0236 -- abandoned auto, Aberdeen
0243 -- abandoned auto, Aberdeen Ct.
0453 -- assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
0813 -- assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.
0953 -- intrusion alarm, Third St.
1220 -- fraud, W. Columbia Ave.
1258 -- welfare check, Carmell St.
1744 -- property damage accident, Main/First
1806 -- operating while intoxicated, Main/Denton
1854 -- disorderly, Sam's Place
1921 -- intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
2132 -- follow up by officer, Lake Villa

Friday, Jan. 5:

0027 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
0825 -- assist fire dept., Bedell St.
1441 -- intrusion alarm, Oxford Ct.
1710 -- vehicle lock out, N. Liberty St.
1734 -- missing person, Church St.
2000 -- warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.

Saturday, Jan. 6:

0035 -- miscellaneous complaint, Main St.
0459 -- assist fire dept., Third St./N. Liberty
1150 -- animal complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1541 -- assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1811 -- assist other dept., Belle Villa Blvd.
1826 -- property damage accident, Sumpter/Owen
1913 -- assist fire dept., E. Thornhill Ct.

Also on this week's log are 38 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Dec. 31:

0049 -- family trouble, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0502 -- fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Willow Rd.
0618 -- assist other agency, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
1104 -- civil dispute, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1113 -- civil dispute, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.

1238 -- property damage accident, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

1347 -- traffic hazard, Judd/Martinsville
1544 -- fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1758 -- suspicious incident, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.

Monday, Jan. 1:

0507 -- fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
1043 -- death investigation, Greenmeadow
1501 -- animal complaint, Sumpter/Dunn
1721 -- assist other agency, Greenmeadow
2133 -- shots fired, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2238 -- 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Tuesday, Jan. 2:

1634 -- identity theft report, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1718 -- fire dept. assist, Arizona
2158 -- abandoned vehicle, Bemis/Rawsonville

Wednesday, Jan. 3:

0204 -- suspicious incident, Greenmeadow
1115 -- larceny, Texas
1309 -- well-being check, 42000 bl. Harris Rd.
1332 -- well-being check, Hampshire
1333 -- alarm, 21000 bl. Karr Rd.
1420 -- fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
2256 -- suspicious incident, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.

Thursday, Jan. 4:

0711 -- noise complaint, Carriage Ln.
0910 -- fraud complaint, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1040 -- animal complaint, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1201 -- animal complaint, 44000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1203 -- animal complaint, 43000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1337 -- animal complaint, Clark/S. Huron
1518 -- animal complaint, 19000 bl. Clark Rd.
2008 -- alarm, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.

Friday, Jan. 5:

0105 -- suspicious incident, Greenmeadow
0717 -- warrant arrest pick up, Oakville Waltz / Martinsville
1002 -- assist other agency, Rawsonville/Willis101

1317 -- animal complaint, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1417 -- fraud complaint, 8100 bl. Rawsonville
1528 -- well-being check, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1656 -- fire dept. assist, 6500 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1700 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1854 -- disorderly person, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
2146 -- property damage accident, Clark/S. Huron

Saturday, Jan. 6:

0301 -- family trouble, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1012 -- well-being check, Nevada
1041 -- fire dept. assist, Nevada
1323 -- assist other agency, out of township
1351 -- property damage accident, Judd/Sherwood
1438 -- fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1638 -- fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2216 -- fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.

Also on this week's log are 12 follow-up investigations, 31 miscellaneous details, 113 patrol checks, and 13 traffic stops.

ATV in lake

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A person attending the carousel party said a friend who knows the lake well was coming back from Mission Pointe on his ATV, trying to find the stolen ATV, and then located it floating upside down at the end of North Point. There was no one in sight.

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Belleville Councilman Jesse Marcotte, Melly Shmyr get engaged

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At the end of the Jan. 3 Belleville City Council meeting, Councilman Tom Smith congratulated Councilman Jesse Marcotte on his engagement to be married. The rest of the council members seemed surprised and also offered congratulations.

Councilman Marcotte explained the special preparations he took to prepare for the proposal of marriage to Melly Shmyr. The couple lives together on Potter Drive with their dogs.

He said his parents got married on Belle Isle and his first date with Melly was on

Belle Isle at the aquarium, so that's where he popped the question.

"I'm really glad she said yes," he said at the council meeting.

After the meeting, Shmyr, who was in the audience said they had kept a bottle of champagne in the refrigerator to drink when they got engaged. She showed her diamond ring to council members.

Marcotte secretly got both sides of the family to Belle Isle for the proposal. They also were able to get into the aquarium although it is closed for the winter. Shmyr said when they got to Belle Isle she called her father on the phone and he brushed her

off by saying he was busy, which hurt her feelings until she saw him with the rest of the family members in the aquarium - about 17.

She said the bottle of champagne was there, too, but she didn't think anything about it because she was so interested in watching the fish. Marcotte also had

prepared a tree with pictures of the couple hanging from its branches that was in the aquarium.

"We drank the champagne -- responsibly," Marcotte told the council.

Shmyr said the date for the wedding has yet to be set, but she wants it to be in 2018, probably in the fall or winter.



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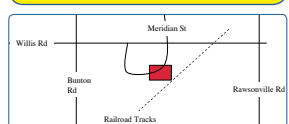
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HURON TOWNSHIP



18277 MERRIMAN, HURON TWP

Country Living at It's Best! This Home has been Updated with New Kitchen and Granite Counter Tops, Hardwood Floors, Recessed Lighting, Cathedral Ceiling in Living Room and HUGH Family Room. Newer Windows, Central Air, Brick Paver Patio and Large Yard. In the Preferred Huron School District. \$165,000

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5620 TEXTILE, YPSILANTI, TWP

GREEN HILLS LANDSCAPING Established and Extremely Profitable Business which includes Landscaping and More. Real Estate includes 4.7 Acres of Landscaped Perfection, 3 1/2 Car Detached Garage and 30x40 Pole Barn. 6 Bedroom Brick Home Sale includes all Existing Contracts & Equipment List. Wow! \$1,600,000

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28525 KARR, SUMPTER

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46090 WEAR 1.09 AC BY PARK	\$19,500
25817 SUMPTER 80X529 .97 AC	\$20,000

42915 WILLIS 4 SPLITS	\$30,000 & \$40,000
26960 SHERWOOD 2.5 ACRES	\$30,000
24409 SHERWOOD 1.15 ACRES	\$30,000
VACANT WEAR RD 5.28 ACRES	\$60,000
26455 KARR 5 ACRES 162X1308	\$33,000
28710 SUMPTER ROAD	\$10,000

49317 ARKONA 40.28 ACRES	\$180,000
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WILLOW ROAD 1.8 ACRES	\$25,000
SUMPTER 8 AC NEXT TO 28200	\$35,000
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45109 S SERVICE DR 2+ ACRES	\$274,900
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VACANT HANNAN 4.4 ACRES	\$79,900
MORTON TAYLOR 1.8 ACRES	\$40,000
50435 BOG ROAD .55 ACRES	\$50,000

VACANT BOG ROAD 1.36 ACRES	\$30,000
VACANT BOG RD 12.83 ACRES	\$129,000
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